THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

Editorial Gleanings.

In looking over our foreign files we frequently find short items and paragraphs of news, which require some addition or emendation in transferring them to our columns, so as to make them intelligible to all our readers. We shall collect under this heading from week to week such news, and endeavor to render the column as entertaining as possible.

A Heroine. During July last the packet ship William Nelson was burned on her passage from Germany to New York. Among the 500 passengers on board was a young Swiss woman, who "was separated from her husband, and left to provide for her own safety. Expecting soon to become a mother, she could not resist the feeble cries of an infant only fourteen days old, left to perish by its distracted parents, and taking it in her arms she plunged into the sea. For two days she supported herself and the infant, on the remnant of a ship's spar, without food or water, sustaining the infant's life by the moisture of her own mouth. On the second day she was picked up by the same vessel in which her hasband was saved, and they were landed at Havre, where the Prussian consul took charge of the infant whose life had been saved by the heroic woman at the risk of her own. Again setting sail for America this heroine are properly attached to the head; of real life, during the voyage, gave birth to a child. The family arrived at New York. Such female courage is capable of.

Carriage Styles. The fashions in carriages change in large cities almost as frequently as in casts, and it is amusing to notice the different styles of vehicles used in different cities. In New York just now the prevailing fashion for carriages is an oblong box, as odd and carious in its form as the imagination can picture. The most expensive carriages are now of this style, some of which must cost thousands of dollars. In some one seat fronts forward towards the horses, while the back scat is turned the opposite direction or behind. In others, the seats are on each side of the carriage, fronting to the right and left, in both styles the passengers on each seat sit with their backs to the others. A Saratoga letter describes a new style of vehicle in vogue there as a broad-backed landau of green, with a willow frame work. On a high seat behind sits a page in dark livery, with black hat and band Negro boys being at a discount, the squaws have leased their male offspring for the season, and no equippage is considered an fait without a " little Indian boy," who hobe up and down in a style highly edifying to the spectator, but productive of a degree of torture which only an Indian in miniature could

The Sucz Canal. This great undertaking which has recently been completed under the patronage of the French Government, will probably prove all that is expected of it. The telegraph announced that the first loaded ship has passed successfully through it en route for China. Speaking of the Suez Canal, the New York Commercial Advertiser

"This is but the revival of an old undertaking. In the time of Sesastris and the Prolemye, long before the Christian era, and at a period subsequent to the division of the Ancient Roman Empire, there were free commercial communications from Europe to the East by means of a canal very nearly on the route of the present line. It was destroyed during the Saracen wars, and its reconstruction was planned by the first Napoleon and executed by the inheritor of his genius and empire. The Suez Ship Canal shortens the route of commerce more than one half, and dispenses with the long and tedious passage to India, via the Cape of Good Hope. England opposed the undertaking as long as she could, for the reason that the control by France of this new and short route to India boded no good to her eastern possessions. The neutrality of the canal is secured by international treaty between most of the great powers of Europe, but it remains to be seen how far, in case of war. mere parchment regulations can overrule military necessity and the law of the strong hand. In case this canal should be continued in working order, and there is no reason it should not, unless modern engineering shall prove interior to that of the ancients, the results will be highly beneficial. The tens, silks and other products of the East will be conveyed to the West in one-half the present time and distance, thus reducing the cost to consumers proportionately.' British Benevolence.

Our readers have little idea of the amount contributed in England for Foreign and Home Missions. The Reports for the present year We last week referred to this very popular show it to have been between six and seven preacher, now located in San Francisco, whose millions of dollars in gold. Nearly every Society | lecture on India we heard. In the Bulletin we shows an increase over the previous year. The | find an abstract of the same which may interest aggregate amounts in gold received by twelve our readers. Societies for Foreign Missions was \$2,993,860; "Dr. Scudder's First Lecture on India.-A by fourteen for Home Missions, was \$980,145; large audience heard Dr. Scudder's first lecture on by eight Educational Societies, \$494,400; by eight for Colonial and Continental Missions, \$240,080; by six Jewish Missions, \$283,125; by thirteen miscellaneous Societies, \$789,190; and by the British and Foreign Bible Society, \$905,-365-making a grand total of \$6,635,165, being a net increase of \$390,085 over the corresponding receipts of the previous year. The "Christian Work," while referring to this increase of Christian liberality, makes these remarks, which will apply to America as well as Great Britain: "When we compare the aggregate amount devoted to these great Christian enterprises with the sums spent upon the luxuries of life, as witnessed by the facts of the Chancellor of the Ex- and believed, with Sir William Jones and other chequer's Badget, it sinks into insignificanceand we see clearly that, without any great selfdenial on the part of those interested in the work of God on the earth, the amount might be doubled or trebled."

Interesting to the Ladies. The Saratoga correspondent of a Boston paper has the following respecting the style of head

dresses so common in the Eastern cities : "I have unqualified pleasure in mentioning the fall of the waterfall-a monstrous 'invention of the

inations which wagged behind them, like a beaver's tail, a few weeks ago. Among the really fashionable women you might as well look for a cataract in the eye as a waterfall at the back of the head."

Mrs. L. Maria Child writes a letter to the Independent, in the course of which she uses the following language in regard to the latest fashions

"Thinking of the great and blessed work done during these last four years by women in the Sanitary Commissions, the hospitals, and the school houses for the emancipated, I seemed to see a bright light dawning on our future career. But the vision receded in the distance, when I looked from my window and saw a bevy of damsels sailing by, with hencoops in their skirts, and upon their heads a rimless pan of straw with a feather in it-utterly useless for defence against wind or sun. To make this unbecoming head-gear still more ungraceful, there descends from it something called by the flowing name of waterfall, but which, in fact, looks more like a cabbage in a net, tricked out with bends and wampum. If I had met them in Western forests, I should have taken them for Ojibbeway squaws, but their dress was a la mode Paristenne. This tyranny of France is, I suppose, one of the things that must be endured, because cannot be helped, till our brains are better developed. In process of time, I trust the Empress Eugenie will sleep with her illustrious ancestors, and that no other fantastic queen of fashion will come after her, to lead the civilized world such a fool's dance. What a set of monkeys we are, in feathers and furbelows, dancing to the tune of that imperial showwoman.

The New York Sun tells of an occurrence which happened to a young woman in that city, which should induce ladies to be cautions as to the contents of their waterfalls, and that they

" Miss Essex, a well-dressed young woman, resid ing at Greenpoint, was standing at the corner of instances of heroism are rare, but it shows what | Thompson and Canal streets, waiting for a car, when a man-a painter, to all appearances-bearing a short ladder on his shoulder, rapidly turned the corner, and not judging the distance right, came near striking the lady on the head with an end of the ladder he was carrying. As luck would have it, or perhaps ill-luck, the ladder missed the woman's head, but struck her 'waterfail,' detached it from the back hair, and caused a general discharge of the contents, which combined the following articles: Two curled hair puffs, one piece of mourning crape, two dark colored pincushions, and one black worsted stocking. These articles had previously been carefully covered up by the slender locks of the maiden. Amid many expressions of regret the man very innocently commenced to pick up the paddings for the purpose of returning them to the wearer, who retreated in great confusion, without waiting for her dry goods. A little boy was sent after her with the late ' fall,' but the lady refused to recognize them. The reporter gave the boy a dime for one of the pincushions, and intends to keep it as a specimen."

> The following items are in place here . "The last invention of India rubber, in Paris, is a false bust for females-bust and neck'-a perfect imitation of flesh and blood, and (as they say of good counterfeits) 'well calculated to deceive.' At the circle where the true and false neck are connected, is worn a band of ribbon, or a wide necklace, which completely conceals the junction. It is said that the deception is so perfect, that the closest scrutiny fails to detect it, while the false bust adds amazingly to the looks of some ladies, when in bull-room attire with low neck dresses.

" A sample of the full style of bonnets, which has acrived in New York from Paris, is described as an awkward, unattractive, coal scuttle shaped affair, possessing no commendable feature whatever. Godey for October has this awkward style pictured in it."

Episcopalians in America. The following facts were elicited by a recent discussion in the religious papers. In the United States there are 2,000 Episcopalian clergymen; whereas, the other Evangelical denominations there have 40,000. Of the 220 colleges in the United States, the Episcopalians have 9, Evangelical denominations 132. Three Episcopalian colleges had the start of most of the Evangelical colleges by 100, 75 and 50 years, yet they have educated only 700 youth, whereas 50,000 have been educated by the other Christian denominations. Episcopaey has 860 students now in her colleges, the Evangelicals have 12,000; and in June of this year there were more persons studying for the ministry in the Theological Seminaries of the latter, than the whole number of clergymen in the Episcopalian ministry. The Episcopalians report 210 candidates for holy orders; there are 2025 studying in Seminaries of the Evangelical denominations besides those preparing outside of Seminary walls. One Presbyterian Congregation in New York city, that of Madison Square, contributes \$28,000 annually for benevolent objects, while the 157 congregations of the western diocese of New York gave only \$12,000 for charity and missions. There are in the United States 160,000 members in the Episcopal denominations, to four and a half millions of other Evangelical denominations.

India, at Platt's Hall, last evening; and it was a very enjoyable mixture of fact, fun, eloquence and earnestness. He considered India in its vastness and antiquity-with dimensions 1,500 by 1,900 miles; with broad table lands where the sun licks moisture as the tiger does blood; where rolls the mighty Burrampooter and the Ganges, on whose bosom floated the navy of a Grecian conqueror 4,000 years ago; where the mountains are the highest on earth, and where exist the most ancient civilization and literature. He spoke of its various races-of the aboriginal remnant still existing, and of the two great streams of immigration which formed the Hindoos of to-day; of the Brahminical race, who are identical in origin with ourselves; of the numerous languages, all enriched by what they have absorbed from the Sanserit, which last the lecturer said he had studied twenty years, eminent scholars, to be the most copious, rich, refined and artificial language known, and one in some lost origin with the Greek. Dr. Scudder here read and chanted a number of passages of Sauscrit poetry. which charmed the audience no less by their musical sound and the consummate rythmical art they evinced, than by their poetical and philosophical meaning, as shown by translations. He also gave a reading from a Hindon dialect, which on account of its melody is called the Italian of India. He mentioned incidentallly that in India all literature worth preserving-in law, science, religion and belles lettres-is written in poetry, and chanted as of old, inenemy' of beauty, which should have died at its | stead of being read. Thus poetry was the very germ, birth. A rather pretty fashion of dressing the hair, as it is the highest product, of all literature. We which I venture to call the staple-and-ring style, is | shall not pretend to follow the lecturer in his rapid getting in vogue with the dames, while ringlets for and interesting description of the various Indian the girls have quite superseiled the ugly-plug about. I races, their manners, customs and superstitions, their

tribes of hermits and religious beggars, their contempt for women, their moral degradation effectting a singular mental acuteness. His account of the dignity, eloquence and wit of the Brahmin teachers was exceedingly entertaining. They are hard nuts for a Christian missionary to crack. Using once in a street discourse the familiar Scriptural saying that nothing good can come from impurity, a fine-looking Brahmin politely reminded him that the beautiful lotus sprang from the aud. On another occasion, when the lecturer was preaching on the subject of Faith, a Brahmin blandly interrupted him with a request that he might give his theory of the subject. To make the matter perfectly clear, it must be stated that the monkeys of India never touch their young to carry them, but that the young monkey makes himself fast to his mother by getting under her and throwing his legs up over her back, and in this way is carried about from tree to tree. Seizing upon this act, the Brahmin remarked that there was a practical illustration of faith. 'Now you know,' said he, ' that the old cat seizes her kitten in her mouth and carries it from place to place, while the kitten remains perfectly passive. You,' he continued, 'are that little monkey, and I am that forlorn kitten. Faith is good; no faith is just as good.' Referring to the anchorites and hermits of India, who, with the religious beggars, swarm all over Hindostan, and are often tyrants and plagues to the common people, he told how they torture themselves by abandoning all human comforts; how they lie or stand in one position for years, until they die-one fellow permitted the ants to bury him alive; how filth is with them a virtue, and the utmost physical wretchedness a crown of saintship. Some keep their hands closed until the nails grow through. Others cultivate their nails a Ia Chinois. It had been stated as a scientific fact that the human nail would not grow longer than 3 inches; but one of these hermits presented himself to the lecturer with a nail curled in three spirals, which actually measured 18 inches! The Doctor and his co-laborers offered all their missionary money for it; but the hermit refused to cut it off. It was his entire stock in trade, and he hoped by wearing it to merit well of his god. There were many such amusing illustrations given by the lecturer, who often indulged a grotesque humor to the delight of his audience. He closed with a striking picture of the degraded and servile condition of the Hindoo women, comparing it with the happy condition of women in Christian lands, and attributing to the influence of Christanity that fine respect for the sex which is the crown-

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